

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the present Application. Claim 43 currently stands rejected. In addition, claims 1-42 have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowed. Accordingly, claim 43 is cancelled herein to place the Application in condition for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Cancellation Of Rejected Claim 43

In the Final Office Action of July 21, 2004, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-42 are allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that claim 43 remains rejected. Because of the Applicants' wish to expedite the allowance and issuance of the present Application, Applicants therefore refrain from further discussing the cited references, and instead, herein cancel the only remaining rejected claim 43 without prejudice to thereby place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

The Applicants expressly state that rejected claim 43 is not cancelled herein for reasons of patentability. Rejected claim 43 is cancelled solely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the Application. Furthermore, the Applicants also reserve the right to seek allowance of any additional claims in Applications that may claim priority in the present Application.

With regard to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowable subject matter found in paragraph 5 of the Final Office Action, the Applicants respectfully

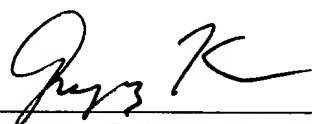
submit that the claimed invention includes various patentable elements and limitations in addition to those specifically identified by the Examiner. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the allowable subject matter of the present invention is not limited to only those reasons expressly described by the Examiner in the statement of reasons for allowable subject matter.

Summary

The Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks place the present Application in condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the present Application are respectfully requested. If there are questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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